

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee  
March 2024 Report**

**APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2024)**

<https://apic.org/publications/enews/>

3/13/24	<p><b>CDC Resources for Continuing Measles Outbreak</b></p> <p>The CDC reminds healthcare providers to be on alert for <a href="#">measles</a>. To help clinicians identify, treat, and report measles cases, the agency has developed these <a href="#">talking points</a> and <a href="#">infographic</a>. <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html">https://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html</a></p>
3/20/24	<p><b>New NHSN Protocols Include Race, Ethnicity, AUR Reporting</b></p> <p>Please read the <a href="#">March 2024 NHSN E-Newsletter</a> for important updates, including new NHSN reporting requirements for antibiotic use and resistance, race and ethnicity data reporting, the 2024 NHSN training schedule, and more. Many thanks to the APIC Public Policy and Health Equity Committees for advocating for collection of race and ethnicity data.</p>
3/20/24	<p><b>CDC AMR Exchange Webinar April 9</b></p> <p>The next CDC Antimicrobial Resistance Exchange webinar, “Impacts of Antimicrobial Resistance on Cancer Care,” will be held on Tuesday, April 9 at 10 AM ET. <a href="#">Learn more and register for the exchange</a>.</p>
3/20/24	<p><b>Provide Feedback on CDC’s New Website</b></p> <p>Later this year, CDC will be launching an updated CDC.gov website. Selected topics are available for preview on the <a href="#">beta website</a> through March 29. Please take a sneak peek and provide CDC with your feedback.</p>
3/27/24	<p><b>New CMS Guidance on EBP in Nursing Homes</b></p> <p>CMS is incorporating new guidance related to Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP) into Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities. The new CMS guidance for State Survey Agencies and long-term care facilities will align CMS requirements with CDC guidance to prevent transmission of multidrug-resistant organisms in nursing homes. <a href="#">Read the CMS QSO memorandum</a>.</p>
3/27/24	<p><b>Inter-Hospital Transfer Identified as Risk Factor for HAIs</b></p> <p>The AHRQ Patient Safety Network (PSNet) highlighted a study showing an increased risk-adjusted rate for HAIs in transferred surgical patients compared with non-transferred patients, which in turn results in an increased financial burden on regional hospitals that accept these patients. <a href="#">Learn more</a>.</p>

**Texas Register and Legislation 2024**

<p><a href="http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml">http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml</a> <a href="https://capitol.texas.gov/">https://capitol.texas.gov/</a></p> <p align="right">Key: X Pending</p> <p><b>Last Review Completed: 04/03/2024</b></p> <p><b>Current Search Parameters for Review:</b> 25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133, 135, 200 30 TAC: Chapter 330; Subchapter Y</p>				
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